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Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension  
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*Jesus Christ, the Son of the Blessed.*

Exemplified in Four Parts, viz.

- I. The Birth of JESUS to the Cross.
- II. The Crucifixion ; with proper Exhortations thereon.
- III. CHRIST's Resurrection and Ascension.
- IV. Of His Coming Again.

Proved from the Shadows of the LAW, and the  
Substance of the GOSPEL,

With Four New additional EPIGRAMS.

To which is addad,

The Work and Labour of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

O Lord, thou fashionedst my unseen substance, and in thy book were all my members written, when as yet there was none of them ; yea, thou also, curiously wrought them in the lower parts of the earth, even in my mother's belly. *Psal. 139. 15, & 16.*

Then said I, Lo ! I come, in the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God, thy law is within my heart. *Pf. xl. 7. Heb. x. 17.*

And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness ; God manifested in the flesh ; justified in the spirit ; seen of angels ; preached unto the Gentiles ; believed on in the world ; received up into glory. *1 Tim. iii. 16.*

And a cloud receiv'd him out of their sight ;—when two men in white apparel said unto them, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye here gazing up into heaven ? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. *Acts i. 9, 10, 15.*

And when the Comforter is come, (whom the Father will send in my name, he will reprove the world (and his saints convince ; yea, an I convert, by and of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. *John 16. 8.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation ; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision ; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation.—By thine Agony and bloody Sweat ; by thy Cross and Passion ; by thy precious Death and Burial ; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension ; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost.—*Good Lord, deliver us.*

The Church of England's EXCELLENT Litany.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. *Selah. Pf. lxxxvii.*

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## I. CHRIST'S BIRTH to the CROSS.

*Therefore the Lord Himself will shew you a sign: Behold  
a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call  
his name EMANUEL.* Isa. vii. 14.

*A Woman shall compass a Man.* Jer. xxxi. 22.

*Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost born of the Virgin  
Mary.*

## Apostles CREED.

**S**INNERS, who now do at this Time,  
In Joy and Mirth abound;  
Hear ye and know the only Cause,  
That gives to Mirth good Ground.  
'Tis 'cause JEHOVAH, GOD the LORD  
Of Heaven, Earth, and Hell,  
Leaves his pure realms of Bliss and Light,  
And deigns on Earth to dwell.  
He, whose Delight before Time was  
E'en with the Sons of Men,  
Now actually in Flesh and Blood  
Doth visit them again.  
Upon this Errand ANGELS, who  
Minist'ring Spirits are,  
In Lower Heavens are seen and heard  
This Good News to declare.  
The SHEPHERDS Hear, and do Believe,  
Their Flocks no longer heed;  
Leave them to God's Protection, and  
To seek His SON proceed;  
They come to BETHLEHEM, and there  
They in a MANGER find,  
The Great Creator of ALL Things,  
Both Male and Female Kind.  
The Heavenly Bodies too must be  
Employ'd in this Grand Thing;

A Star



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A STAR i'th' East three Wise Men lights  
 To find of **KINGS** the **KING**,  
 How dim this Star, when 'tis compar'd  
 To That it did them light;  
 No greater can we comprehend,  
 Than Sunshine unto Night.  
 They come, they find the Holy **CHILD**,  
 Give Gifts the Earth afford;  
 How great th' Exchange they now have got  
 Around His glorious Board.  
 In **MARY's** Lap with Joy behold  
 The promis'd Woman's **SEED**;  
 The Blessing unto **ABR'HAM** given,  
 When most he stood in Need.  
 Of **JUDAH's** Tribe the **LION** here,  
**SHILOH**, who gave the Law;  
 The **KING** who rules in Righteousness,  
 Whose Scepter ne'er had flaw.  
 Than **MOSES** here a Prophet Great,  
 No **HIGH PRIEST** such a One,  
 As rightly could for Sin atone,  
 As God's Beloved **SON**.  
 A **CAPTAIN** more courageous here,  
 Than **JOSHUA**, tho' Bold;  
 He wants no Signs for Victory,  
 As **GIBSON** did of old.  
 A Wiser far than **SOLOMON**,  
 Who Wise Men did outbrave;  
 Stronger than **SAMPSON** (tho' a Babe)  
 Before his Locks were shav'd.  
 The Root and **STEM** of **JESSE** here,  
 God's **BRANCH** and **DAVID's SON**;  
 God's **TEMPLE**, Holy and most Pure,  
 Where all His Work was done.  
 So that the Birth of Him you now  
 Profess to solemnize,  
 Was **GOD ALMIGHTY! JEHOVAH!**  
 The Just! the TRUE! the WISE!

Therefore was JESUS ! who can save  
 Us from the Wrath to come ;  
 Only because He's GOD's Delight,  
 His WELL-BELOVED SON !  
 This Love and Mercy ill becomes  
 Riot and Drunkenness ;  
 Voluptuous Tables, flowing Bowls,  
 And Wine unto Excess.  
 But rather it should us excite,  
 The Hungry for to Feed ;  
 The Naked Cloath, and Help extend  
 To ALL who stand in Need.  
 And whilst we share Life's goodly Things,  
 And thereof know no Scant ;  
 Remember those who have them not,  
 But Daily live in Want.

#### An additional E P I G R A M.

While angels and saints in glory admire,  
 And just men on earth do the same ;  
 My soul, let it by thy chiefest desire,  
 To spread abroad JESUS's fame :  
 The former of all things, of Adam and Eve,  
 God deign'd to encircle a worm ;  
 Great Alpha his work by no means would leave,  
 Which to finish Omega did burn.  
 Then from his example this lesson let's learn,  
 In what's laudable we undertake ;  
 No resistance to heed, but persevere on,  
 Vll the finishing stroke we do make.  
 Let's aim at perfection in Our Father's sight,  
 To attain which let's trust his power and might :  
 If sincerely this should be the wish of our heart,  
 Our reward's sure in heaven, and here too in part.

## II. The CRUCIFIXION, with suitable Exhortations thereon.

*O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup, pass from me:  
nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt.*

Matt xxvi. 39.

*And they cried out the more exceedingly, crucify him.*

Mark xv. 14.

*--- But this is your hour, and the Power of Darkness.*

Luke xxii. 53.

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; He descended into hell. CREED continued.*

**K** NOW Sinners, who do now rejoice  
At JESUS CHRIST his Birth,

'Twas necessary that he should  
Be cut off from the Earth.

A Time there is for to be Born,

A Time also to Die;

Trace JESUS then from BETHLEHEM  
Unto Mount CALVARY.

Than ABEL's Off'ring pleasing in  
God's Sight far more is this;

Or righteous NOAH's Sacrifice,

When Drowning he did miss,

The LAMB God did himself provide,

As ABR'HAM told his Son;

The LAMB of GOD takes away Sin,

Tho' He Himself had none.

Here view the Paschal LAMB whose blood

Sprinkled on the Church Door,

The slaying Angel passes by,

Requiring no more.

To MOSES' SERPENT on a Pole,

Look'd whom the Plague did grieve;

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Such



Such who look to its ANTITYPE,  
Eternal Life receive.

This is the SACRIFICE on which  
God's Fire did alight ;

His Wrath and Vengeance did consume,  
And turn'd his Day to Night.

Behold the NAIL upon the Cross,  
By Justice made secure,

To hold the Building tight and fast,  
And ever to endure.

No further need of Bulls, Sheep, Goats,  
Of Pidgeons, or of Doves ;

On Calv'ry CHRIST did there enough  
To change God's Wrath to Love.

CHRIST Stripes did heal the broken Bones  
Of which Sin is the Cause ;

His Life and Death fills the Breach of  
God's violated Laws.

Cursed is He, the Law doth say,  
That hangeth on a Tree ;

Sinners rejoice this was fulfil'd  
Upon Mount CALVARY.

Remember too for what He dy'd,  
The FAITH, only the FAITH

Of what the Prophets testify'd,  
Who say, " Thus the LORD saith :

" This is my SON, my only SON,

" This Day I Thee Begot ,

" My Well-Belov'd, — Nations hear Him"

(Then happy'll be your Lot.)

Therefore, except ye do Believe

JESUS is the I AM ;

The I AM's SON, the WITNESS True,

Ye surely will be Damn'd :

Believing this upon Record,

Of God's most Holy Word,

Ye need not fear Angels or Men,

Peril, Fire, or Sword :

For

For view the MAN that's God's FELLOW  
 Enduring Justice' Rod ;  
 The Sinner's SAVIOUR and their FRIEND,  
 A BLEEDING ! DYING GOD !  
 Thus while for JESUS Birth ye do,  
 Rejoice with feasting chear ;  
 Think of His sufferings on the Cross,  
 And thereat drop a Tear.  
 View there the VINEGAR and GALL,  
 That Sharp and Bitter Thing  
 Was SIN, which caus'd the SON of GOD  
 The Grave to enter in.  
 Tremble to think that ev'ry One,  
 Must of its Curse partake,  
 For whom CHRIST did not on the Cross  
 A FINISHED Work make.  
 Sin not therefore, take Heed that ye  
 Stand in perpetual Awe !  
 Oft Mercy beg for JESUS Sake,  
 Who PERFECT kept GOD's LAW.

An additional EPIGRAM.

Thus suffer'd, thus bled, thus groan'd, and thus dy'd,  
 By the hands of the creatures he made,  
 The great, God of Nature, whom Nature descry'd,  
 And shrunk herself into a shade.  
 Then while we detest the horrible deed,  
 Ho the Object's worth beg to have claim ;  
 For once was sufficient that JESUS did bleed,  
 And answer'd the end which he came.  
 By ingratitude and disobed'ence,  
 Let's not crucify him afresh ;  
 With all his commands willingly dispence,  
 And mortify the corrupt flesh.  
 The good of each other let's ever pursue,  
 And do to each other as we'd be done to ;  
 In doing of which there'll be no cause to rue,  
 And we meet again, when the grave we've past thro'.

## III. HIS RESSURECTION and ASCENSION.

*Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*

John ii. 19.

*Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory.*

Luke xxiv. 26.

*The third day he rose again from the dead, and ascended into heaven.*

CREED continued.

**R**EJOICE and Weep, Rejoice again,  
 The BABE in BETHLEHEM Born,  
 The MAN on CALV'RY Crucify'd,  
 'Gain sounds Salvation's Horn.  
 'Twas not consistent that he should  
 Any CORRUPTION see!  
 By His own Power GOD rais'd Him up,  
 He's seen in GALILEE!  
 The Tomb he's left, and the grave-cloaths,  
 On all his Foes hath tread;  
 From BOZRAH see Him coming now,  
 In His Apparel Red!  
 Thus did he all his Foes confound,  
 And trod them small as Dust;  
 As Mire in Streets beneath his Feet  
 They lay for ever curs'd:  
 His own Disciples to convince  
 'Twas HE was crucify'd;  
 He bids them view his Hands and Feet,  
 Also his wounded Side.  
 Of by them seen, and with them Eats,  
 He Miracles did Work;  
 Them to assure, slay UNBELIEF,  
 Which did about them lurk.  
 Bids them SALVATION to report,  
 Believing on His NAME;

Tells



Tells them He must ascend up to  
 The Place from whence He came,  
 This did He do, while Blessing them  
 His Holy Hands were rais'd :  
 ANGELS accompany their LORD,  
 With Shouts and Songs of Praise :  
 " Lift up your Heads ye Gates and Doors!  
 " Of Everlasting Date !  
 " Let ye the KING of GLORY in!  
 " The LORD, Strong ! Mighty ! Great !"  
 Again they do the same proclaim !  
 With JOY CELESTIAL, fill'd !  
 Glad to receive their GOD and KING !  
 Whom JEWS Despis'd and Kill'd !  
 Thus enter'd Heaven once again  
 The GOD-MAN ! CHRIST the LORD !  
 And whom it must safely contain,  
 'Till all Things are restor'd !  
 He's seated there on DAVID's Throne,  
 As DAVID's LORD and SON ;  
 'Till all His Foes who do Him Hate,  
 His Footstool shall become.  
 Hence Sinners learn had CHRIST not rose,  
 Would Faith and Love been void,  
 Respecting an Eternal Life,  
 Our Hopes been unemploy'd :  
 But since He Risen is INDEED,  
 And sits upon His Throne ;  
 Pleads there the MERITS of HIS BLOOD,  
 Which doth for Sin atone :  
 With Fear Believe ; trembling Rejoice,  
 Rely upon his Strength  
 To keep whilst here, and when he please  
 Take to Himself at length.  
 In Hope of this strive ye to make  
 Known to the Sons of Men  
 Your MODERATION, seeing that  
 CHRIST will RETURN AGAIN.

But

But if you do despise his Grace,  
 And his Free Gospel flight ;  
 Expect He'll Come, and you condemn  
 To endless Death and Night.  
 Your hoarded Bags, Cries of the Poor,  
 Th' Lord of SABBATH reach ;  
 Remember He hath many Ways  
 Therein to make a Breach :  
 Be ye good Stewards of your Store,  
 Whether 'tis MORE or LESS ;  
 Believe in GOD, for his SON's Sake,  
 Objects in Want redress.  
 If done in Faith and Love to Him,  
 Shall never meet with Shame;  
 But surely will rewarded be  
 When he doth Come Again.

# An additional E P I G R A M.

Ascend, my soul, with God,  
 Up to his royal throne ;  
 But not to pull him thence,  
 Until he please to come.

For thee he did descend,  
 And thee he'll still defend,  
 Till thou with him ascend,  
 He'll keep from ev'ry harm :  
 When foes beneath are trod,  
 The foot-stool of our God,  
 Crush'd with his iron rod,  
 His trump again shall charm.

Then Pride, with all its feather'd plumes,  
 And life's vain giddy shew ;  
 Shall turned be to songs of praise,  
 Ne'er ending; --- ever new.

## IV. Of CHRIST's coming again.

*I ascend unto my Father, and to your Father ; and to my  
God, and to your God.* John xx. 17.

*He that descended, is the same that ascended up, far  
above all heavens, that He might fill all Things.*

Ephes. iv. 10.

*And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick  
and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.*

Communion CREED.

**S**INNERS, this last and awful Act  
Of GOD, that's yet to come ;  
May well fill us with Fear and Dread  
Of our deserved Doom.  
When GOD in EDEN did Descend,  
ADAM away did run ;  
In His dread Presence could not stand,  
This new-created Son ;  
For his Offence he's sent to Till  
The then accursed Ground ;  
A flaming Sword by GOD is set  
To guard the Garden round.  
In Thunder, Lightening, and in Rain,  
Did ISRAEL'S GOD Descend ;  
Made those to Tremble and to Quake,  
Who did thereat attend.  
When He utter'd his awful Voice,  
Majestick was the Sound,  
E'en MOSES filled with great Fear,  
Fell prostrate on the Ground.  
The People did of GOD entreat  
He'd speak to them no mo' ;  
But unto MOSES tell his Mind :  
From him they'd His Will know.  
When GOD Descended and did dwell  
I'th' Holiest of All,

The

The High Priest was with Fear possess'd,  
 Lest 'fore Him he should Fall.  
 In all GOD's Appearances mark,  
 Himself no 'semblance gives;  
 'Cause Mortal Man cannot behold  
 INFINITY! and Live.  
 Observe what Form He took to shew  
 His Wrath, his Love, and Grace;  
 'Twas in CHRIST JESUS, who is call'd,  
 His ANGEL and his FACE,  
 This Form assum'd in Times of Old,  
 On Earth He oft Descends;  
 His Foes to slay, and to Protect  
 His House, his Church, and Friends.  
 To ABR'HAM, JACOB, JOSHUA,  
 GIDEON, MANOAH too,  
 ELIJAH saw Him, and the same  
 Did ZACHARIAH View.  
 At last a Body did assume,  
 Of Old for Him prepar'd;  
 The Good Effects of which you have  
 Already heard declar'd.  
 He's yet to come with his ANGELS,  
 And Trumpets solemn Voice;  
 To call the Dead out of their Graves,  
 To Weep and to Rejoice.  
 "Awake ye Dead! to Judgment come!"  
 Hear ye your Final Doom!  
 Blessed are they that hear the Sound,  
 Their Bodies FIRST resume!  
 With Joy shall rise and meet the LORD,  
 With Triumph in the Air;  
 He'll them receive to His Abode,  
 For ever place them there.  
 Thro' the Obedience of his Life,  
 The Merits of His Death;  
 The all prevailing of His Blood,  
 Breathe blest Immortal Breath.

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On t'other Hand, the Wicked Dead  
 To Hills and Mountains cry,  
 To shelter from the LAMB's dire Wrath,  
 And GOD's great Majesty !  
 Who must for ever bear His Wrath,  
 As such who did rebel ;  
 With Devils and damn'd Spirits have  
 Their Just Deserts in Hell.  
 Since Blessing, Cursing, Mercy, Wrath,  
 Alone to GOD belong ;  
 Ourselves to HIS Dispose commit,  
 And here let's end the Song,  
 Pleas'd GOD was 'fore the Worlds of Time,  
 Pleas'd for the World to Come ;  
 READER, WRITER for Mercy hope,  
 Alone then thro' his SON !

### An additional EPIGRAM.

At this time I can say no more,  
 Let us the rest expect'.  
 O thou, the Life, the Way, the Door,  
 Our path to thee direct :  
 When enter'd in thy blest abode,  
 What we cannot know here ;  
 By the mysterious Three-One God,  
 Shall be made bright and clear :  
 Then cease my pen at present more to write,  
 But dwell my soul on this theme with delight,  
 Hope for the time when both shall reunite,  
 And mortal faith turn'd to eternal sight. }

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The WORK and LABOUR of  
Faith, Hope, and Charity.

*Now abideth Faith, Hope, and Charity, these three ;  
but the greatest of these is Charity. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.*

SINNERS, fair Hope a sister is  
Unto the damsel Faith ;  
Hope looks for what God's promised,  
Faith believes what he saith.  
Enough for Faith the Woman's Seed,  
Should bruise the Serpent's head ;  
Enough for Hope this was fulfill'd,  
Where horned cattle fed.  
Enough for Faith to hear God say,  
" I with my Son am pleas'd ;"  
Enough for Hope this is the way,  
Sinners of Sin are eas'd.  
Enough for Faith God says my sword,  
Against my Son awake ;  
Enough for Hope God did for sin  
In Christ full vengeance take.  
Enough for Faith unto the death,  
Justice did Christ pursue ;  
Enough for Hope that God from him  
For sin had double due.  
Enough for Faith Christ willingly  
Did undertake this task ;  
Enough for Hope he did not shrink,  
But bore God's angry blast.  
Enough for Faith he did receive  
The vinegar and gall ;

Enough

Enough for Hope he bow'd his head,  
 And cry'd 'Tis finish'd all.  
 Enough for Faith he did not lie,  
 Conquer'd within the grave ;  
 Enough for Hope, sure as he rose,  
 Sinners new life shall have.  
 Enough for Faith he did ascend  
 To his Father's right-hand ;  
 Enough for Hope sinners compleat  
 In him there too shall stand.  
 Enough for Faith he there doth plead  
 The merits of his blood ;  
 Enough for Hope this doth prevail  
 With a sin venging God.  
 Enough for Faith he'll come again,  
 A kingdom for to give ,  
 Enough for Hope his saints as kings,  
 And Priests shall reign and live.  
 Here close then Faith, Hope have an end,  
 Salvation's work is done ;  
 God is with sinners as well pleas'd,  
 As with his only Son,  
 No Ifs, no Ofs, no Buts, no Ands,  
 In the New Covenant's made ;  
 I Will, they Shall, its tenor runs.  
 Fear not,---is often said.  
 Cease then, vain man, to think that thou  
 Can to this work e'er add :  
 Tis Finish'd ! Finish'd ! Finish'd quite.  
 Rejoice then, and be glad.  
 Think not thy frames, thy feelings, fear,  
 Thy joys, or acts of love ;  
 Can e'er to pity or forgive,  
 A holy just God move.  
 Divine Justice he must have,  
 A divine recompence ;

God

God is offended, can with nought  
 But blood of God dispence.  
 Vain thy obedience, vain thy fruit,  
 Vain all thy prayers and tears ;  
 When interferring with Christ's blood,  
 It base and vile appears.  
 Rejoice God can for Jesus sake,  
 Forgive a sinful race ;  
 To those who have his favour lost,  
 Restore his sov'reign grace.  
 Can make them enter here below  
 Into that blessed rest ;  
 Which in the Father's sight he      sh  
 Now and for ever blest.  
 Let this alone excite us here,  
 To live in peace and love ;  
 So that when Faith and Hope shall cease,  
 We all may meet above.  
 Know as we're known, love as were lov'd  
 Fom sin and sorrow free ;  
 And undisturbed pure enjoy,  
 Endless fair CHARITY !  
 'Tis only this that shall survive,  
 And will immortal be ;  
 And make eternity a place  
 Of true Felicity.  
 Reader, may you and I have lot  
 Within this blessed place ;  
 And join the song that's sung by all  
 Of Abraham's faithful race.  
 Not unto us, not unto us,  
 Will be our constant cry ;  
 But to Jehovah, Christ, and Lord,  
 Be praise eternally.  
 Here lay the sure foundation of  
 Good works to foes and friend ;  
 Thus your beginning's sure to meet  
 With success in the end.

